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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

We are glad to hear that the cultures are proving useful and especially interested that positives are turning up.

The source of P520709 was a stool sent to the laboratory for examination for ova and parasites for routine GI work up on a 34 year old male with a duodenal ulcer. No ova or parasites were found, the culture showed coliforms, a few hemolytic, and alpha streptococci.

The source of 521245 was a grossly bloody sputum from a 65 year old woman with diabetes, hypertension, chronic nephritis, probable cerebrovascular accident. The sputum culture made shortly after 300,000 U crystalline penicillin were administered, showed pneumococci, non-hemolytic streptococci and hemolytic staphylococci in addition to the sucrose-negative E. coli. A thoracentesis culture made at the time showed no growth. No further cultures were made for the patient expired a few hours later.

The pigmentation of Kurakowa- throat was surprising for we had no evidence of it on the blood plate or on Kligler's in one day.

The puzzling batch of material was indeed a mistake. It was part of a series of serums being sent elsewhere-in the same type of mailing container. The lack of those few serums will cause no loss for they can soon be replaced. It is regrettable that you were put to that extra work for nothing.

Two more batches of tubes were mailed yesterday, one of which is the T series from Miss Turner.

Sincerely yours,

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